A Brief Synopsis of Building Permit Activity for May 2011

There were a total of 34 single-family building permits issued in the month of May. The majority of permits issued this month were in unincorporated Tippecanoe County (18 permits) while Lafayette had 9 and West Lafayette had a total of 7. After a strong March and April, it appeared a comeback was possibly occurring in the housing market. The numbers for May would indicate that feeling was premature.

All of these building permits were for traditional detached single-family housing. The five-year average for single-family May permits (2006 to 2010) is 59 permits issued with a mean of 59.5 (the number half way between the high of 92 permits [May 2006] and the low of 27 permits from May 2010).

One permit for a twelve-unit addition to an existing apartment building was issued in West Lafayette. (202 S. River Road) This represents the first multi-family construction this year. All single-family residential subdivisions which had activity are shown below as well as the location by civil township of the 34 single-family permits.

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County Subdivisions:		West Lafayette Subdivisions:	
Shawnee Ridge	3	Arbor Chase	4
Hunters Crest	2	Catherwood Gardens	1
Wake Robin Estates	2	St. Joseph West	1
Blackthorne	1	Infill	1
Bridge Mill	1		
Harrison Highlands	1	Permits by Township:	
Hickory Ridge	1	Wabash	13
Lindberg Village	1	Wea	11
The Orchard	1	Tippecanoe	5
Winding Creek	1	Fairfield	2
Unplatted	4	Perry	1
		Shelby	1
		Wayne	<u>1</u>
Lafayette Subdivisions:		Total	34
Woodfield Village	8		
Vinton Woods	1		